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1. EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED THREE JAPANESE OFFICIALS CITED REFTEL. ALL THREE HAVE RECEIVED INVITATION TO TESTIFY FROM SENATOR PHILIP A. HART, CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTI-TRUST AND MONOPOLY, COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY. MR. TSUNEO UCHIDA, DIRECTOR GENERAL, ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY, AND MR. TOSHIDIDE TAAHASHI, CHAIRMAN, FAIR TRADE COMMISSION, AFTER CAREFUL DELIBERATION, HAVE CONCLUDED THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO TESTIFY AND HAVE SENT LETTERS TO THIS EFFECT TO SENATOR HART. MR. EME YAMASHITA, ADMINISTRATIVE VICE MINISTER, MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY, STILL HAS THE INVITATION UNDER CONSIDERATION, BUT IT APPEARS MOST UNLIKELY THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO TESTIFY.

2. ALL THREE OF THESE HIGH-RANKING JAPANESE OFFICIALS ARE VERY HEAVILY COMMITTED DURING CURRENT DIET SESSION WHICH EXPECTED TO RUN AT LEAST THROUGH APRIL 29. CURRENT INFLATION IN JAPAN AND NUMBER OF OTHER ECONOMIC QUESTIONS BEING CLOSELY PURSUED BY VARIOUS DIET COMMITTEES AND BY BOTH HOUSES AND ALL THREE OFFICIALS IN QUESTION REQUIRED TO TESTIFY IN DIET ON ALMOST DAILY BASIS.
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